

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DRUG COURT

The first drug court program was established in Dade County, Florida in 1989 and was promoted by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. As the impact of this program has become known within the judicial system and among substance abuse treatment providers, new drug court programs have been implemented throughout the United States. Several major locations in which drug court programs are currently operating include Las Vegas, Nevada, Oakland, San Bernardino and Los Angeles, California.

In November of 1994, Judge Patrick Morris of the Superior Court of San Bernardino County initiated the Drug Court program in association with the San Bernardino Probation Department and Mental Health Systems, Inc. (MHS). It is a drug intervention program developed to channel defendants into comprehensive drug treatment and rehabilitation.

THE PROGRAM

The program is operated by Mental Health Systems in a collaborative effort with the Probation Department. Treatment consists of one-on-one substance abuse counseling, drug test monitoring, educational / therapy

groups, relapse prevention and Narcotics / Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. After successful completion of this one year program defendants graduate with clean/sober living skills and are prepared for community re-integration. Individuals who fail to complete the program may have charges reinstated at the discretion of the court.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals eligible for participation in the Drug Court program include non-violent defendants charged with felony counts of possession, possession for sale, or sales of a controlled substance. Any individuals with a prior prison record or violent background are not eligible volunteers for program participation.

FUNDING

Funding for the Drug Court program is available primarily through the Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs (OADP) and includes Federal and State Medical funds and grant solicitation. The clients also must pay \$10 a week toward treatment.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The San Bernardino County Probation Department completes assessments on individuals who have been screened by the District Attorney's Office and found eligible for consideration of entrance into the Drug Court program. The defendant's drug/alcohol abuse, current offense, and criminal record are reviewed to confirm a non-violent history. Based on the Probation Officer's assessment, a recommendation is submitted to the Judge, who has the final authority to admit the defendant.

Monitoring is provided by the Probation Department for all Drug Court clients. Home/field visits are performed to assist the Judge and the Drug Court treatment staff in assessing the client's progress.

MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

Mental Health Systems, Inc., is a non-profit organization which was founded in 1978 by William R. Mead, Ph.D., Clinical Director, and Bill Eastwood, M.A., Executive Director. The innovative and cost-effective programs of MHS provide mental health, vocational rehabilitation, drug, and alcohol services.

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Drug Court

- * Drug treatment and rehabilitation services for non-violent defendants

San Bernardino, CA

Pride

Drug and alcohol recovery services for San Bernardino County probationers

San Bernardino, CA

PIR

- * Drug and alcohol recovery services for probationers

Vista and San Diego, CA

P3

- * Drug and alcohol recovery services for parolees in San Diego County

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Forever Free

- * Substance abuse treatment services at California Institution for Women

Frontera, CA

Federal Probation Program

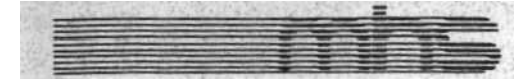
- * Drug abuse counseling for federal probationers

La Mesa, CA

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